

MINUTES  
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 23, 2016  
MALIBU CITY HALL  
6:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Gibbs called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Chair Richard Gibbs; Vice Chair Catherine Malcolm-Brickman; and Commissioners Scott Hosfeld and Suzanne Keith-Zimmer (arrived at 6:38 p.m.)

ABSENT: Commissioner Eric Myer and Ex-Officio Member Graeme Clifford

ALSO PRESENT: Amy Crittenden, Recreation Manager; and Brittany Saleaumua, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION Commissioner Hosfeld moved and Vice Chair Brickman seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 3-0, Commissioner Zimmer and Commissioner Myer absent.

**REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA**

Recording Secretary Saleaumua reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on August 19, 2016.

Commissioner Zimmer arrived at 6:38 p.m.

**ITEM 1 PRESENTATION**

Ann Buxie presented the idea of creating a poet laureate for the City of Malibu. She suggested that professors and members of the Pepperdine University Poetry Society sit on the submission review panel. Ms. Buxie suggested putting out a call for submissions in October 2016 and announce the selected Poet Laureate in January 2017.

In response to Commissioner Hosfeld, Ms. Buxie stated that the Poet Laureate would only be eligible to Malibu residents.

In response to Chair Gibbs, Ms. Buxie stated she would like the support of the Commission for creating the poet laureate and was not asking for any funding.

Vice Chair Brickman suggested that Ms. Buxie include some expectation of funding for the poet laureate to be funded to make it a valuable and respected program for the community.

In response to Commissioner Hosfeld, Recreation Manager Crittenden stated the item could be put on next month's agenda for further discussion if agreed by the Commission.

Vice Chair Brickman expressed her support in having the poet laureate placed on next month's agenda and suggested that Ms. Buxie contact her about the poet laureate in the meantime.

Commissioner Zimmer suggested that submissions from non-Malibu residents be accepted as long as they had some kind of affiliation with Malibu. She also agreed the poet laureate be funded and compensated in some way.

In response to Vice Chair Brickman, Ms. Buxie stated submissions would be limited to three pages in order to allow the judges' time to read through everything in a timely manner.

Chair Gibbs thanked Ms. Buxie for everything that she has been doing and for her Tales by the Sea Program.

Commissioner Zimmer informed Ms. Buxie of the poetry stone design project that was included in the Legacy Park Art Enhancement Plan. She further stated she would love to work with Ms. Buxie and possibly the Poet Laureate candidate on implementing the poetry stones in the future.

## **ITEM 2.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Claudia Taylor proposed an idea to the Commission to use shipping containers to create a temporary pop-up gallery/retail area featuring cargo-tecture interior design, green architecture, green landscaping and local artists. She stated that the temporary pop-up area design would have large courtyards that could be used for sponsored events like lectures, documentary screenings, spoken word, acoustic performances and food truck gatherings to bring the community together.

Ms. Taylor stated that five Malibu artists or designers would be given the same square footage of a 1, 2 or 3 container combo that they would put their own design inside and outside of the container to show how use of small spaces is very practical

and beautiful. Ms. Taylor stated the project could benefit many different organizations in various ways and had several different potential sponsors.

Ms. Taylor explained potential locations for the project would include Gregory London's property at Cross Creek which currently houses storage containers that he rents out for use. She stated that another potential site would be the Malibu Bay Company lot currently used for the Chili Cook-Off. She also stated that Mr. London, owner of Cross Creek property, has verbally stated his support and interest in hosting the project.

In response to Commissioner Zimmer's request to place the item on a future agenda, Recreation Manager Crittenden suggested Ms. Taylor first create a proposal that summarizes this project and then submit the proposal to the Planning Department in order to determine what permits are needed for the project.

#### **ITEM 2.B.1. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Zimmer stated she took her kids to the Malibu Playhouse to watch a documentary titled "Happy" that was put on by Creative Visions in partnership with the Playhouse. She stated it was an extraordinary documentary and that the work that both organizations are doing is amazing.

Chair Gibbs stated that he was saddened to hear of Parks and Recreation Director Bob Stallings' passing, Bob will be missed and the Commission will continue on in his memory.

Chair Gibbs stated that Lee Ritenour's 6<sup>th</sup> String Theory contest will be held on September 6, 2016. Mr. Ritenour and other guitarists will judge amateur submissions and offer a series of prizes will be given out to participants. This year they have expanded the contest to include other instruments like drums, bass, and piano. Chair Gibbs explained that he will be a judge for the contest and has offered the contest winner a recording session to record a song with Lee Ritenour using his studio.

Chair Gibbs expressed the need for more artists for the Salon Series who are not in the music category. He explained that the Salon Series has not yet hosted actors, film directors or producers.

#### **ITEM 2.B.2. RECREATION MANAGER UPDATES**

Recreation Manager Crittenden stated that the Funny Zoo Exhibit at Bluffs Park will be taken down on September 2, 2016 and that the sculptures at Legacy Park will stay up until December per the agreement with the curators of the Funny Zoo.

She stated that the Surfboard Art Show will slowly come down starting the week of September 6, 2016 and preparations will need to be made in order to accommodate the next exhibit.

Recreation Manager Crittenden stated that the next Library Speaker Series event is scheduled for August 30, 2016 at City Hall and will include a climate panel. The September Series event is on September 21, 2016 with Daniel James Brown, author of Boys in the Boat.

### **ITEM 2.B.3. CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Legacy Park Art in Public Places**

Commissioner Zimmer stated she is looking into the formation of an independent foundation for Legacy Park and while recently in New York she spoke Elizabeth Barlow Rogers whom is the Founder of the Central Park Conservancy. She stated that she thinks that creating a separate foundation for Legacy Park is the best option in order to maintain and fund the involvement of Hodgetts + Fung in the implementation of the Legacy Park Master Plan.

#### **City Hall Public Art**

Update was provided under Item No. 5.A.

#### **Arts in Education**

Vice Chair Brickman stated two visiting artists will be going to Juan Cabrillo Elementary School and one will be going to Malibu High School. The artist visiting the high school directed the documentary "Happy."

#### **Fundraising**

No update at this time.

### **ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

#### **A. Approval of Minutes**

Staff Recommendation: Approve meeting minutes for the June 28, 2016 Cultural Arts Commission Regular Meeting.

B. Concert on the Bluffs Financial Report

Staff Recommendation: Receive and file the financial report for the Concert on the Bluffs.

Vice Chair Brickman noted that the Financial Report indicated that \$38,053 was spent for the Concert on the Bluffs although \$45,000 was budgeted. She also stated that she would like to request the remaining funds be earmarked for Arts in Education.

In response, Recreation Manager Crittenden stated that Vice Chair Brickman's request may be considered by the City Council's Administration and Finance Subcommittee.

MOTION Commissioner Hosfeld moved and Vice Chair Brickman seconded a motion to approve the consent calendar. The motion carried 4-0, Commissioner Myer absent.

**ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS**

A. City Hall Art Exhibit Space

Staff Recommendation: Provide a recommendation to the City Council to 1) Install a photography exhibit featuring Fred Ward's historical work; 2) Approve funding of \$2,000 from Account No. 710-0000-2270-47 (Arts Fund) for costs associated with the new exhibit; and 3) Develop a long-term calendar of exhibits.

Recreation Manager Crittenden presented the staff report. Recreation Manager explained that the City Hall Public Art Ad-Hoc Committee proposed that the next proposed exhibit for City Hall be a photography exhibit featuring the work of Fred Ward to be displayed in the Atrium and the hallways of the Civic Theater. Recreation Manager Crittenden stated that Mr. Ward's son is curating the photos for the exhibit. The reception for the exhibit will be on Saturday, October 1, 2016. The reception will also serve as a retrospective memorial of Mr. Ward's life and work since he passed away in July.

Recreation Manager Crittenden stated Commissioner Myer had contacted the family of Tyrus Wong and suggested that a future exhibit feature kites that were created by Mr. Wong who is now 103 years old.

Commissioner Zimmer suggested that a future exhibit include Nick Brandt's photography. She expressed her support of Vice Chair Brickman's suggestion that the Commission ask that the City Council fund the art installations at City Hall instead of using funds from the Arts Fund.

Recreation Manager Crittenden stated that creating a calendar of proposed exhibits will enable staff to create a budget that can be recommended to City Council at a future meeting.

MOTION Chair Gibbs moved and Commissioner Zimmer seconded a motion to approve the photography exhibit of Fred Ward's historical work and to recommend City Council approve funding of \$2,000 from the General Fund to pay for the exhibit expenses. The motion carried 4-0, Commissioner Myer absent.

B. Arts Foundation Ad Hoc Committee

Staff Recommendation: Create and assign two Commissioners to the Arts Foundation Ad Hoc Committee.

Commissioner Hosfeld and Commissioner Zimmer volunteered to be on the Arts Foundation Ad Hoc Committee.

MOTION Chair Gibbs moved and Vice Chair Brickman seconded a motion to assign Commissioner Hosfeld and Commissioner Zimmer to the Arts Foundation Ad Hoc Committee. The motion carried 4-0, Commissioner Myer absent

**ITEM 6 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

Malibu Poet Laureate

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION At 9:50 p.m., Vice Chair Brickman moved and Commissioner Hosfeld seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 4-0, Commissioner Myer absent.

Approved and adopted by the Cultural Arts Commission of the City of Malibu on September 27, 2016.

  
RICHARD GIBBS, Chair

ATTEST:

  
BRITTANY SALEAUMUA, Recording Secretary